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than when sewed. All work a trial.  
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KEEPS constantly on hand for hire  
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Thanks for patronage heretofore ex-  
tended him, he solicits a continuance of  
same.

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## Educational Department.

J. H. SAUNDERS, Editor.

### How to Raise the Pro Rata.

Many persons have criticised our  
school system and school officials. Se-  
verely because the fund pays only one  
dollar and twenty-five cents to each  
child in the State. A few years ago  
the per capita was two dollars, but it  
has grown less every year. The price  
of property has constantly diminished,  
and the number of children has steadily  
increased. Now, that the business  
boom has begun, the price of property  
ought to increase, and this increase  
the dividend. Now if we can diminish  
the divisor we have increased the quo-  
tient or raised the pro rata.

But how can we diminish the divisor?

I think the task is easy enough, and that the  
effort will pay in more ways than one.

Who can give the boundary lines of  
school districts? Who can divide the  
State into districts, and what should be  
enrolled in the adjoining one? While we  
think the great majority of trustees  
are honest, and do not intend to report  
children who are reported in another  
district, still we feel confident that there  
are hundreds of children in the  
State who are reported more than once.

But our ex-Superintendent ought to  
know a great deal about these things  
as he has watched these figures very  
closely for the last eight years. Per-  
mit me to quote from his last report:

"Acting under authority of the law  
requiring the Commissioners to regard  
all reasonable requirements imposed by  
the Superintendent, and desiring to  
test the accuracy of these (the trust-  
ees') reports, that we might make sug-  
gestions to the legislature upon the  
necessity of establishing permanent  
boundaries to the districts, we request  
ed the commissioners of these counties  
and cities reporting an increase to send  
us the trustees' census reports for crit-  
ical comparison."

We did not believe that there was any  
willful fraud in these matters; but we  
did, and do believe, that there is much  
duplication and tripling, the result of  
partial information as to the territory  
and patrons included in districts. Ex-  
perience has also taught us that some  
of the commissioners are very faulty  
in addition; and, as a result of these  
innocent mistakes, errors in the census  
were common. In one instance we  
discovered that the commissioner had  
made a mistake of hundreds too many,  
and another of scores too few; and in  
both these instances we received the  
hearty thanks of the honest, but mis-  
calculating commissioners, for correct-  
ing their errors. In other instances  
we discovered the same children re-  
ported by name in several districts,  
and that, too, in the report submitted  
by officers, who reluctantly yielded to  
our request, and who anticipated  
in severe terms, upon the motives we  
were presumed to have in the require-  
ment. The demand for a detailed cen-  
sus was made upon the cities, and the  
result showed, in several cases, that  
the census was being reported too large.  
Enough was revealed to show that the  
census could be largely reduced by  
permanent boundaries, accurately de-  
scribed and the description furnished  
the trustees."

We might quote further from Dr.  
Henderson, but this is sufficient to  
show that there are too many children  
reported in the State; that the divisor  
can be diminished, and the per capita  
thus increased. But this is not the  
only benefit to be derived from per-  
manent district lines. As the law now  
is, the districts may be changed every  
year. In this respect, we are far be-  
hind our near neighbor, Tennessee.  
There the county court must appoint  
three men to visit the district, examine  
its geography and lay off the district.  
But our district lines are so often changed  
that the trustees scarcely know  
where they are. Besides, this is often  
an excuse for not building a good  
school house. Many fear, or claim to  
fear, that the boundary will be changed  
in a year or two, and, therefore, it  
is useless to build a new house. Let  
our county court appoint three men in  
each county to take time and redistrict  
the counties. Let these lines remain  
unchanged for at least ten years, and  
be changed then only by a similar com-  
mittee appointed on the recommendation  
of the commissioner. Under our  
present law the commissioners can not  
take the time to district the counties  
properly, but if all the counties could  
be re-districted this year there would  
be less trouble in taking the census,  
the per capita would be increased, the  
people would build better school  
houses, and our school system would  
take a new start to prosperity. Once  
more let me quote Dr. Henderson:

"As one of the net products of official  
experience, and as an expression of  
a fearless honesty, we write it down  
that the first essential to progress in  
the establishment of permanent bound-  
aries of districts and the immediate  
creation of good and sufficient school  
houses in each district in which new  
ones exist."

"One indiscreet fool South can in a  
minute undo the lengthy labors of a  
dozen statesmen," said Senator Wade  
Hampton in his last. Bayard Speech,  
which was delivered at Abbeville, S. C.,  
the other day.

## CHARGES AGAINST OBION COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Governor of Missouri to De-  
mand Reparation, &c.

HILLSBORO, JEFFERSON CO. Mo.,  
Nov. 24, 1879.

To the Editor of the Hickman Courier:

In September, 1877, Henry C. Wil-  
kerson was indicted by the grand jury  
of this county for grand larceny, in  
the stealing of a valuable mare from  
Chas. Warner, Esq., now Auditor of  
the Missouri Pacific railroad company.

Confined in jail, in default of bail,  
awaiting trial, he, on the 12th day of  
March, 1878, together with the nota-  
rious "preacher horse thief," George  
F. Mayer, escaped from jail by sawing  
through the bars of their window with  
fine steel burglar saws, that Mayer had  
brought into jail concealed between the  
soles of his boots.

Every effort was, at the time and  
has since been, made by the county  
officers to apprehend these men. Both  
Chas. Phelps and the County Court at  
Jefferson County, Mo., offered rewards  
for the capture of Wilkerson. Horses  
and bales have been steadily disap-  
pearing, at least twelve horses and  
males having been stolen from citizens  
of Jefferson county, and neither the  
thieves apprehended or property re-  
covered, and in many cases suspicion  
was directed strongly towards Wilkerson  
and his accomplices.

During the past summer Sheriff T.  
J. Jones received information from  
Moscow, Ky., which led him to believe  
that a desperado, interesting Kentucky,  
in the neighborhood of Moscow and  
Hickman and the neighboring counties  
of Tennessee, under the name of J. H.  
Arkwright, was really Henry C. Wil-  
kerson, and recommended the arrest of  
Arkwright.

Wednesday evening, November 19,  
Sheriff Jones received a telegram, at  
Hillsboro, Mo., from J. A. Warner, a  
celebrated detective officer at Hick-  
man, Ky., that he had J. H. Ark-  
wright in jail. Jones at once wired  
to Warner to hold Arkwright, and  
taking with him to identify the  
prisoner as Wilkerson, started to  
Hickman, which place we reached  
Thursday at 1 p. m.

The prisoner, being well acquainted  
with me, was at once identified as  
Henry C. Wilkerson, and when told  
that we had come to take him to Mis-  
souri, he said, "Boys, I know you  
can't make me go without a requisition,  
so you can keep me here in jail till  
you get one, but I don't want to put  
you to the trouble and expense of  
waiting; I'll go with you willingly  
without one." Wilkerson was distinctly  
informed that he could use his  
pleasure, if he demanded a requisition,  
we would wait at Hickman till one  
could be procured, or, if he preferred  
to go willingly, we would start  
at once, when he asserted that he  
would go, and had no desire to  
be kept in jail, and that would necessarily be  
consumed in procuring a requisition upon  
the governor of Kentucky, and his  
warrant of extradition thereunder.

There happened to be no boat going  
up the river that afternoon or night,  
and, as a matter of expedition as well  
as convenience, we accompanied by  
Mr. Warner and the prisoner, proceeded  
by hack that afternoon to Union  
City to take the 6:30 train for Colum-  
bus.

At Union City, where Officer War-  
ner was well-known, we and our pris-  
oner were surrounded by a crowd,  
headed by W. B. Bennett, deputy  
sheriff of Obion county, Tenn., who  
demanded to know who and what we  
were, and where we were taking the  
prisoner and what he was charged  
with.

The crowd was by me politely man-  
aged with who and what we were,  
and with all the circumstances of the  
crime and flight of Wilkerson, and  
the arrest by Officer Warner, and the  
prisoner's willingness to accompany  
us from Hickman, Ky., to Missouri  
without demanding or requiring us to  
wait for a requisition on the governor  
of Kentucky. Two men, claiming to  
be deputy sheriffs, then said, that as  
no requisition upon the governor of  
Tennessee had been made, the prisoner  
should not be taken away. While the  
matter was being discussed and Officers  
Warner and Jones were insisting that  
the prisoner was going willingly and  
could as well have been held at Hick-  
man, on expenses, till the required  
requisitions were procured or have been  
taken directly up the river from Hick-  
man without being brought into Ten-  
nessee, one S. O. Higginson, clerk  
of the Circuit Court of Obion county,  
Tenn., came hastily up with two ex-  
amples for the arrest of J. H. Ark-  
wright, both charges being for carry-  
ing weapons unlawfully. Upon these  
the prisoner was arrested and taken  
forcibly from Sheriff Jones, who at  
once telegraphed to Gov. Phelps of  
Missouri for a requisition upon Ten-  
nessee. Circuit Court was in session  
at Union City at the time, which ex-  
plains the whole thing clearly and  
plainly. The officers wanted a little  
cost, Arkwright or Wilkerson was  
wanted, and had been held, and  
being unable to pay fine and costs,  
would have been sent to jail one day  
for each twenty-five cents of costs and  
fine; the costs have been paid by Obion  
county, and the jailer got 40 cents a  
day for holding prisoners for the pe-  
riod of his confinement.

Upon the advice of R. A. Pierce,  
Circuit Attorney, then attending court,  
I made affidavit before a justice of the  
peace, Geo. Layne, as to the fact of  
Wilkerson being a fugitive from jus-  
tice, charged with a felony in Missou-  
ri, and he thereupon issued a warrant  
upon which Wilkerson was arrested  
and brought before him for examina-  
tion. The Justice found the facts, as  
stated in the affidavit, to be true, and  
made an order to hold Wilkerson till  
Monday, Nov. 24th, to await a requisi-  
tion from Gov. Phelps of Missouri.  
He looked through the window and  
saw two negroes choking her in her  
bed. He fired at them and killed both,  
and just then two persons fled from  
near the house. On investigation it  
was found that the negroes were the  
lady's guests, disguised, and it is sup-  
posed that the two who fled were their  
husbands.

## The China To Day.

[Continued.]

In 1847, Mr. Charles Ar. Shawe  
(well known to the people of Boston  
and vicinity as a tea merchant and the  
first settler in China, who became a  
permanent resident of Boston) came to  
this country and established himself in  
the tea business, which he has carried  
on for over twenty years on Union  
street. Mr. Ar. Shawe married an  
American lady, who died of cancer  
nearly two years ago, leaving three  
children by their Union—a son and  
two daughters. About nineteen years  
ago Mr. Ar. Shawe became a citizen of  
the United States, being the first of  
his race to apply for citizenship in  
this country. After the death of his  
wife he sold out his interest in the busi-  
ness, and he has been engaged in for  
many years, and prepared to visit his  
native land. Something over a year  
ago he went to China, and remained in  
that country eleven months, visiting  
his birth place and other parts of the  
"Flowery Kingdom." He returned to  
Boston a few weeks ago, and pro-  
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